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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/230,929
Filing Date	4/2/1999
First Named Inventor	KLEINSCHMIDT et al.
Group Art Unit	1632
Examiner Name	Woitach, J.
Attorney Docket Number	4121-107

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000), Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 4, 2002
- ii. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- iii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iv. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for one month extension

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other **DEFICIENCIES ONLY IN FEES DUE AND PAYABLE**
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 370.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Marianne Fuierer	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	39983
Signature	<i>Marianne Fuierer</i>	Date	April 4, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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Name (Print/Type)	Blake Crouch	Date	April 4, 2002
Signature	<i>Blake Crouch</i>		

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

1 ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deficiencies only in indicated fees and credit any overpayments to

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Deposit Account Name Intellectual Property/Technology Law

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
☒ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

2 ☒ Payment Enclosed: \$
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims -20**= 3 X Fee from Below = Fee Paid
Independent Claims -3**= X Fee from Below = Fee Paid
Multiple Dependent X Fee from Below = Fee Paid

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

** or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Fee Code	Large Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Small Fee (\$)	Fee Description
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179	710	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$425.00)

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